



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

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## May Programs Explore Queen Anne

Historic Seattle will be conducting their 2002 **Neighborhood Exploration Program on Queen Anne**. Each year, recently, the non-profit organization has focused on a Seattle neighborhood, such as Capitol Hill and Columbia City.

This year, from May 5-14, 2002, we will be collaborating with Historic Seattle in several programs about Queen Anne.

You may have received a mailing from Historic Seattle about these programs, we urge you to sign up for one or more of them.

The programs in May will include an open house tour of West Queen Anne School on Sunday, May 5 (12-4pm), two evening lecture/panel discussions on Tuesday, May 7 and 14 (7pm at Bayview Manor), and a walking tour of the south slope on Saturday, May 11 (9 am-noon), conducted by the Seattle Architectural Foundation.

The two evening programs will include local community members and QAHS members, including Paul Dorpat. May 7th will review our past, May 14th will consider where we are going.

**Tickets are required for all of these events. For the WQA tour on May 5 you can pay at the door (\$10). For the other events, call Historic Seattle at 206-622-6952**

**Space is limited for the May 7, 11 and 14 events, call now.**

## Whither Goest MOHAI? The future of the Museum of History and Industry

Leonard Garfield, Executive Director of the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle, will be the guest speaker at the next public meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society on Wednesday, March 20.

MOHAI will be leaving its present location near the University of Washington and moving to new facilities in downtown Seattle in 2005. Mr. Garfield will talk about the current exhibits at the museum, as well as those programs that will be hosted by the museum before it makes its move.

The highlight of his presentation will be a discussion of various plans on the drawing board for the museum space in the new location at 8th and Pike. That space is now being used by the Seattle Public Library for its temporary home. Architects and heritage consultants have presented several ideas on how this new venue can be developed.

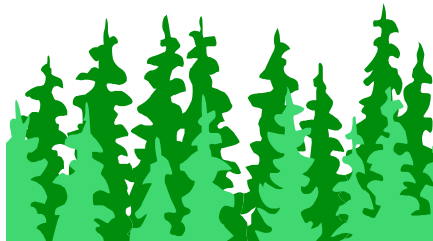
Come and hear plans for this exciting new heritage site to be created downtown near Nordstrom's, Pacific Place and ACT Theatre.

**Join your neighbors at our next public meeting**

**Wed., Mar. 20th, 7:30 pm**

**McClure Middle School Library  
First Ave. West and West Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

We thank all of our members for your vital support. Each year we struggle to keep our old members active and to attract new members. You can renew, starting now, for the 2002-2003 year, which begins on June 1st. Please take a moment to use the coupon on page 3. We rely on your support and participation in preserving Queen Anne's story and introducing new neighbors to Queen Anne.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369.

## CALENDAR OF

### Wed. Mar. 20, 2002

*Program:* The Future of MOHAI will be reviewed by Leonard Garfield, Executive Director. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

### Wed. May 15, 2002

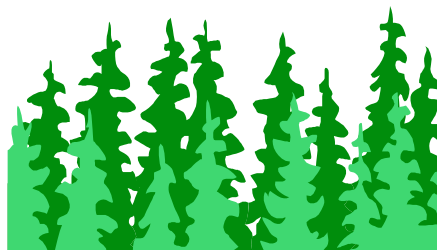
*Program:* To be determined. This is the Society's Annual Meeting and elections. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Sat. June 15, 2002

*Walking Tour:* Our annual tour of historic Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Meet at entrance, 7th Ave. W and W Raye St. Time 10:00 am. Free.

### Wed. Sept. 18, 2002

*Program:* To be determined. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.



## HERITAGE NEWS

### Old John Hay Changes

The playground at the old John Hay school at Bigelow and Boston is in much need of repair. A neighborhood group has contracted with a landscape architect to develop a plan for improvements. The school is currently used as the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center.

Public meetings are scheduled for Mar. 20, Apr. 17 and May 22 at 6:30pm at the school. Contact the Principal, John Boyd, for more information ([jboyd@seattleschools.org](mailto:jboyd@seattleschools.org)).

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The Queen Anne Historical Society was formed to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS (CONT.)

### Tom Wales Tribute

The Queen Anne Community Council has formed a Memorial Committee to explore ideas for creating a memorial tribute to Tom Wales, who was murdered at his home on Oct. 11th last year. A Thomas C. Wales Foundation has been established and will be involved in this effort. Contact Ron Mason (206-283-8630) for more information.

### New Uptown Center Opens

The Queen Anne-Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center, formerly at the Easter Seal building on 2nd W, has moved to 157 Roy St. This is the old City Light building with the strange shape and pebbled exterior, east of Larry's Market.

The City hopes to make it a Neighborhood Center with spaces for meetings and displays. The Uptown Alliance will share some office space with State Senator Jeanne Kohl-Wells and County Councilman Larry Phillips.

Our Historical Society hopes to have some displays in the lobby as a regular feature. If you have display suggestions or wish to help create displays, please call Bob Frazier at 206-285-0958.

### Old Houses and Wedding Sites—Who Knows?

The Society regularly gets inquiries about old houses, "Where can we learn more about our house?" Our archives have very spotty records on houses, however a nice overview of how to research your own house is available on the web at [http://montlake.net/mcc/mcc\\_history\\_Audrey\\_Weitkamp.htm](http://montlake.net/mcc/mcc_history_Audrey_Weitkamp.htm)

Similarly, we get inquiries about where to hold weddings in historical settings. Do you have suggestions to pass on to these callers? Call John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

## Queen Anne's Forgotten Golf Course

by Kim Turner

On the east side of Queen Anne is a major greenbelt.

In 1932 the area between Aurora and Taylor/5th Avenues North and between Galer and Hayes was opened as the Lake Union Golf Course. It was a 'short nine' and had many of the attributes of much larger courses in Seattle. There were sand traps, water hazards, hills and dips along the course. Golf students from Queen Anne High School practiced there until the course closed in the late 1930s due to lack of use. The woman who owned the course abandoned it, and it became essentially state property. (undeveloped land). Locals knew how to get through the barrier fence at the Galer street end.

As the years went by, great banks of blackberry vines pushed up to flank either side of the entrance gate. There was a path that ran from the gate about fifty yards along the blackberries. The berries were heavenly in late summer, and as a winter treat, so many that we could put up 16 pint jars of jam. The path then curved left up the side of a gentle knoll, at the top of which was a very large hazel nut tree. Many of those nuts were carried home in pails each autumn to be eaten.

Beyond the top of the knoll the land altered. To the right were steep, grass-covered slopes down which the neighborhood children slid on broken-down cardboard boxes. Many of these were left for weeks and used until they literally fell apart. To the left a gentle

slope of grass led to an old willow tree which towered over a small stream which issued from one of the larger of the springs on the hillside. This stream ran all the way down to Aurora Avenue. The hillside fell away several yards from the willow and you could walk down it and then climb through the bushes (Scotch broom and others) up the opposite slope. At the top was the large apartment house which has stood there since about 1949, and which still has the best view of the surrounding landscape. Before you got to the first knoll you passed uphill from the ruins of the golf course 'lodge' or clubhouse. It was no more than a basement area with corrugated tin roofing over it, and was not a safe area in which to play. Below it were bushes and trees that went all the way down to Aurora Avenue. To the east of the large apartment house, on the bluff overlooking the old course, was a sand trap area.

During the years I lived in the neighborhood, 1952-1959, it was an entire world in which to play. The steeper slopes became the slopes of great mountains all over the world; the sand area to the north end was a great desert to cross; there were swings set up from some of the taller tree's strong branches. Kites could be (and were) flown from the top of the knoll near the hazel nut tree. Most of the area has been filled in with condominiums, but while it lasted, it was a child's Paradise!

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***Coming up: Leonard Garfield talks  
about MOHAI's future at the March  
20th Program***



#### **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES BY KIM TURNER**

Update on the Newspaper Project: Your roving correspondent, incipient archivist Kim Turner, has been involved in the reading of the Seattle P-I for the year 1878. There are twelve readers, each given one month of that year. This project was to learn what was in the papers of that time, how much space was given over to advertising, and whether or not there were news articles pertaining to the development of a Pacific Rim trade from Seattle.

We met for the first time together as a team at MOHAI, on Saturday, February 16th. Lorraine McConaghy was our 'mentor/instructor'. For our participation in the project each of us was given a beautiful reprint of the Bird's-Eye View of Seattle, Washington Territory, 1878. The reprint is an exact

replica of the original, and was printed by the Kroll Map Company.

This project produced a new awareness of how Eurocentric some of Seattle's citizens were, and how racist many of their comments would be today. There are also many small news items relating to the lives and fortunes of Seattle's founders and their descendants. I hope to have a fair amount of material to add to what we know of our Queen Anne area and its residents.

*Kim Turner, Archivist*

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